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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Participants: Secretary Kissinger  
Deputy Secretary Ingersoll  
Ambassador Vance  
Acting Assistant Secretary Mulcahy  
Walt Cutler, Country Director for Zaire  
Jerry Bremer, Notetaker

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Vance: I was looking over my reporting cables and I'm not sure I made this point clear, but I left our friend Mobutu with a very clear indication of the direction we are leaning.

The Secretary: Well, I must say that didn't come through in the cables.

Vance: The last thing that he said to me was that he hoped I would return soon with a message that we would do something on Angola.

The Secretary: Well, what should we do?

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Vance: No. I saw Holden too. Mobutu says Holden's superiority has disappeared due to the heavy Soviet arms shipments.

The Secretary: How quickly will we have to move?

Vance: Very quickly I think. The strategy is if nothing is done by November 11 . . . .

The Secretary: But do we have two weeks?

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Vance: It would take a lot of direct advice. I gathered that our minimum requirement is to avoid having Neto take over.

The Secretary: My disposition is [ ] we should try to win. 25X1  
Can the Soviets escalate?

Vance: Not as fast as we can. [ ] 25X1

The Secretary: Should we try to involve Kaunda?

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Vance: I don't know enough about Kaunda and Mobutu's relations. Kaunda and Nyrere are supporting Savimbi.

Mulcahy: They urged us to support Savimbi. I think we should let them know we're helping --  25X1

The Secretary: My impression is that Kaunda was for it.

Mulcahy: He's now stopped arms going through Zambia in an effort to deflate the situation.

Vance: Mobutu said that any idea of the three of them getting together is total nonsense. Neto will succeed if the others are not helped.

The Secretary: Will Mobutu get off our back if we help?

Vance: Well the air went out of him each time I saw him. 25X1

The Secretary: Will Mobutu send his Ambassador back to us?

Vance: I don't know. He hopes we'll send a new one back out soon. I must say he never treated me in a more friendly manner. When I arrived he was convinced that we were involved in the coup and yet by the time I left he was pretty much off it.

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The Secretary: How was he in general?

Vance: He's as rational as ever and, as a matter of fact, even less imperious.

The Secretary: How is his style of life? I imagine he's suffering no pain.

Vance: No, he's in no pain but he is slightly less imperial.

The Secretary: What decision do we have to make now?

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The Secretary: How are we doing on that, by the way?

Mulcahy: We talked to Carter who thought it would take place today.

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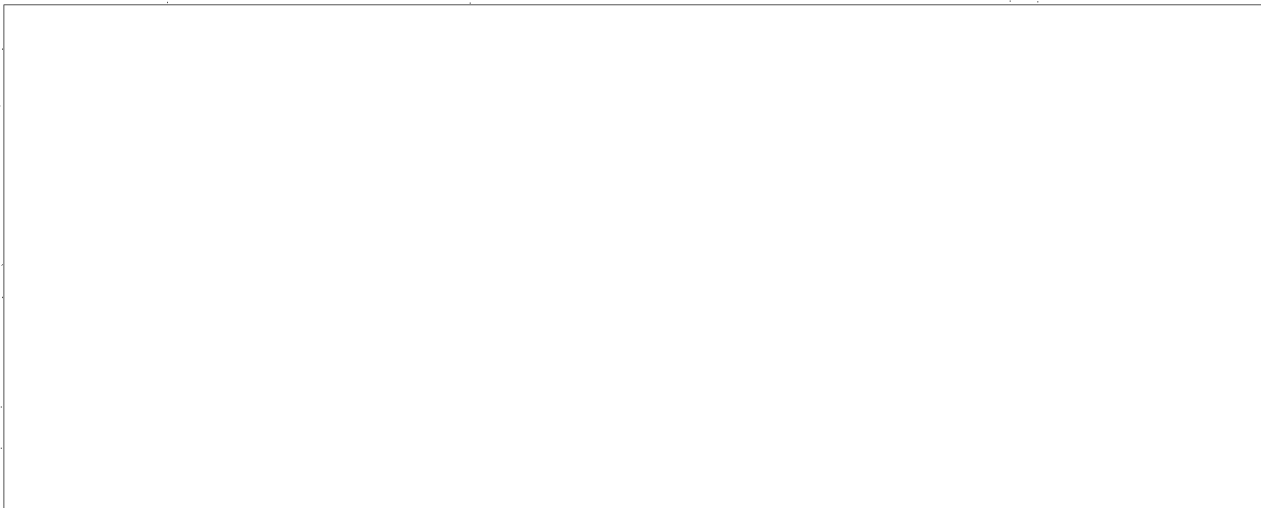
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Ingersoll: That should also include economic aid for Zaire.

The Secretary: Okay, let's get that started too.



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Vance: Back in the old days of the rebellions you could go anywhere in that country.

Cutler: Three Soviet arm and personnel carriers are not a lot. We're not talking about squadrons.



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